

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:11 PM on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 1953 Fremont Hills Drive, Fremont Hills, MO.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL.** Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer called the roll—a quorum was present.

Luke Davis, Mayor	Present		
Damon Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Present	Sunthosh Parvathaneni, Alderman Ward 1	Present
Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2	Absent	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Nelson attended the meeting virtually.

Guests: Resident, Ruth Benedett

City Officials: Dale Batson/Project Manager and Kay O'Neill/City Clerk/Finance Officer

**OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS\***

Resident Ruth Benedett inquired if closed session meeting minutes will ever be open records and asked where to find the rules on closed meetings. Mayor Davis explained that the minutes were closed due to them involving negotiations of a land purchase with the Fremont Hills country club. Information on closed minutes can be found on the Missouri Secretary of State website.

**AGENDA**

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**Bill #343-2022/Ordinance #343-2022 Authorizing Mayor to Establish a Municipal Court (O'Neill)**

This bill was made a part of the board packet. Nelson explained the need for the City to establish itself as a court and transfer into the 38<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Ozark where our cases will be handled. The first step in the process is to pass an ordinance. Nelson will need to take care of more details with the Sheriff, Highway Patrol, Jacob Haskins, the Circuit Court, and OSCA to complete this process. Haskins received our ORI approval letter from the Missouri State Highway Patrol which is our identifier and states that we have been approved. Haskins will be our official prosecutor.

Bill #343-2022 was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #343-2022 on the first reading was made by Parvathaneni, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #343-2022 was made by West, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #343-2022 as Ordinance #343-2022 was made by West, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes.

**Bill #344-2022/Ordinance #344-2022 Authorizing Mayor to Sign Contract with Ozarks Pumping Service, Inc. (O'Neill)**

Rick Trimble with Active Septic recently had a health issue which resulted in the need for an alternate sludge hauling vendor. Batson reached out to several companies—the only one that carried insurance and was reasonable in cost was Ozarks Pumping Service, Inc. The cost will be close to that of Active Septic (~\$50 more per load). This contract will come up for bid the first of the year.

This bill was made a part of the board packet. Bill #344-2022 was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #344-2022 on the first reading was made by Lowry, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #344-2022 was made by West, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #344-2022 as Ordinance #344-2022 was made by Lowry, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes.

**OLD BUSINESS****Citywide Fiber (Batson)**

Mills reported that his install occurred today, and everything went well. A couple of residents did not have good experiences. During a meeting with Net Vision last week, the City expressed concerns with shallow drop lines, slow response on repairs, unhappy residents, and the speed of installs. They are now using a slicer to go deeper. Net Vision reported that Phase 1 has all conduit and fiber in the ground, Phase 2 has all conduit and approximately 90% fiber, Phase 4 has 85% conduit in and fiber in approximately 5% of that conduit. To date, they have completed 42 installs and 10 are in the pipeline. In the next few weeks, they will follow up on the shallow fiber installs to ensure they are deep enough and will address street repairs. Steve will provide an update every other Thursday before our meetings. O'Neill will send a reminder to residents to mark their sprinklers. Nelson reported that some work orders have not gone through to Net Vision due to them being dismissed instead of completed. Mills will inquire if auto pay is an option.

**Flock Security Camera Upgrade (Davis)**

We were informed by Flock today that the install will occur on August 12. There are concerns about getting cameras on both sides at the double barrel—Davis and Batson will look at this.

**CWERG Engineering Update (Batson)**

Batson has ordered a smoke machine, and it should arrive within the next couple of weeks. Batson met with Jacob from GRE this week to go over Diamond Maps. Jacob was able to overlay the map—it will support a K&Z file.

**CC Highway Fence Repair (Batson)**

The locates have been called in, and the possible start date is August 8. The fence should be completed within a couple of weeks, weather permitting.

**2022 Property Tax Levy and Public Hearing (O'Neill)**

The Notice of Levy Hearing and assessed valuations as of August 1 were made a part of the board packet. We do not have our data back from the State Auditor's office yet. After general discussion, it was decided the notice of levy hearing will be published at last year's ceiling of .5887, which could be subject to change once

that State's information is received. The Notice of Tax Levy Hearing will run in the August 10 edition of the Christian County Headliner—the hearing will be held at 5:45 on August 18. An email will be sent to the residents to inform them of the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **City Town Hall Meeting (Davis)**

The City Town Hall Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on August 16 at the Ozark West Elementary gym. Communication to the residents will go out on August 5 and August 15. All members of the board need to attend and dress in business attire. A couple volunteers will be needed to direct guests to the gym. Security will present at the meeting.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **Planning and Zoning**

#### **Review Fencing Variance Request For Fremont Hills Country Club (Davis)**

P & Z heard a variance request for two fences for Fremont Hills Country Club (one near the trash containers and one near the maintenance shed)—both variances were granted.

### **Treatment Plant**

#### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Update (Batson)**

A report was run to show expenses incurred from the period of May 1 to August 4. Batson went over the expenses and explained that parts were ordered due to the flood damage and extras were ordered to have as backup. The AC replacement was a big expense as well as work hours from the flood, stainless steel shelves for the plant, storage cabinets, lamp assemblies for the UV, and stainless steel to raise the UV. Ruben needs to complete the AC unit install, so we will have an expense for billable hours. The total expense for the three months is \$8,862.04. We will end up spending close to the \$40,000 we budgeted for this year.

#### **Cabinet AC Replacement (Batson)**

The AC unit and wiring are here. Ruben was gone last week—he will complete the install when he returns.

### **Streets**

#### **No Parking Signs (Batson)**

The proposal for the no parking signs and a golf cart crossing sign was made a part of the board packet. Batson recommended purchasing two 12' 3" fluted poles which can be cut in half to give us four 6" poles. The signs will be 12" x 18" (same size as speed limit signs). Lowry noted that the ordinance will need to be amended—it was suggested to amend by adding "unless otherwise posted."

### **Beautification**

#### **Cassidy Addition Guardhouse Landscaping (Batson)**

Davis reported receiving many compliments on the landscaping. Batson will let Jon from Scapes know that the hydroseeding needs to be freshened up. The irrigation will run off a WI-FI controller. The final invoice was \$575 over the actual bid due to some items being added. We will pay all but \$1,500 until all work is completed. All dead plants are scheduled to be replaced in the fall. Scapes has put stones in the Cassidy ponds where the washout is—grading and topsoil still need to be completed.

Lowry is communicating with the clubhouse about getting the dirt and rock piles removed by next week.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mills, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer